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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is a response to the Office Action mailed on October 6, 2003, wherein Claims 1-20 were rejected. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended and Claim 21 has been added. Claims 1-21 remain pending.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C § 102

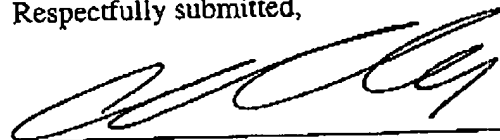
On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hoffman. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to more clearly describe the invention as using a wireless transmission to transfer information to the vehicle. Hoffman is silent with respect to a wireless transmission of information to the vehicle. Hoffman discloses a feed through reader 16 to read a magnetic card, as seen in Figure 2 and disclosed in column 6, lines 36-39. Accordingly, the art cited by the Examiner does not teach or suggest Claims 1, 9, and 21 and claims which depend, directly or indirectly, on Claims 1 and 9.

Conclusion

The entire Office Action dated October 6, 2003 has been carefully reviewed, and this response is submitted as being fully responsive thereto. In view of the preceding remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-21 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to call the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

If for some reason a fee needs to be paid, as well as the fee for a one-month extension of time, please charge Deposit Account No. 07-0960 for the fees, which may be due.

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